

Key Milestones

"Frankly, we need CALFED...We will realize a water policy that meets with the acceptance of city, rural and environmental users."

Governor Pete Wilson

"Three years ago we helped launch the historic CALFED partnership.. We're going to do it right."

President Bill Clinton

June 1995: State and federal agencies launch an historic partnership, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

July 1995 - July 1996: The Program holds more than 30 public meetings and workshops around the state to involve Californians in developing a Bay-Delta solution.

February 1996: The program releases 20 draft alternative solutions, each including hundreds of actions to help solve Bay-Delta problems.

June 1996: Following extensive public input, the Program refines the list of alternatives to three conceptual comprehensive approaches.

September 1996: CALFED releases Phase I Final Report and launches a two-year environmental review of the conceptual alternative solutions.

June 1996 - December 1997: The Program holds public meetings around California to continue to involve people in the process. Technical staff work with stakeholders to refine the alternatives.

March 1997--November 1997: Draft reports for the four programs common to all the alternatives are released: Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (four volumes); Water Quality Component Report; Water Use Efficiency Report, and the Delta Levee System Integrity Program Report.

December 1997: More than \$60 million in ecosystem restoration program projects are funded.

February 1998: An additional \$24 million in ecosystem restoration projects are funded.

March 16,1998: The Program releases a draft programmatic environmental impact statement/environmental impact report containing three alternatives

March 16,1998 — June 1, 1998: The Program plans to conduct further technical analyses to refine the draft programmatic EIS/EIR while hosting public meetings, hearings and workshops around the state to get the public input necessary for refinement.

April 1998: The Program plans to solicit proposals for \$57 million in ecosystem restoration projects.

Late Summer 1998: The Program expects to select the preferred alternative.

Late 1998: The Program expects to certify the final programmatic EIS/EIR.

1999 to 2030: The Bay-Delta solution will be implemented.

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